

CONTINUING (1.53(b)) UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for continuing applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.
1081.1055D

First Named Inventor:
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Title: **RAID APPARATUS AND ACCESS CONTROL
METHOD THEREFOR WHICH BALANCES THE USE
OF THE DISK UNITS**

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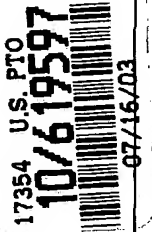
APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600
concerning utility
patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification, Claims & Abstract..... [Total Pages: 27]
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)..... [Total Sheets: 8] [FIGS. 1-8]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration..... [Total Pages: 1]
 a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
5. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application.
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 b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
6. ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
7. ☒ Incorporation by Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)
 The entire disclosure of the prior application (identified in Item 21), from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
8. ☒ Applicant claims foreign priority benefit to: Japanese Application 9-004427 filed January 14, 1997
9. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 C.F.R. 1.76
10. ☐ CD-Rom or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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12. ☒ Assignment to FUJITSU LIMITED of Kawasaki, JAPAN at Reel, Frame
 ☒ for publication of assignee information under 37 CFR 1.215(b)



ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

13. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
14. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
15. ☒ Foreign priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed.
 a. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) filed in prior application No. 08/932,427.
 b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) enclosed.
 c. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) to follow.
16. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
17. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
 a. ☒ enclosed herewith.
 b. ☒ incorporated herein (see Box 21).
18. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
19. ☐ Request and Certification for Nonpublication under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent
20. ☒ Other: Copy of Request for Recordation of Assignment filed January 23, 2003 in U.S. Serial No. 08/932,427, including attachments.

21. CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 08/932,427.

Prior application information: Examiner: Gary J. Portka
Group/Art Unit: 2188

Preliminary Amendment:

- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:--This application is a continuation of application number 08/932,427, filed September 17, 1997, now pending.--


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**NEW APPLICATION
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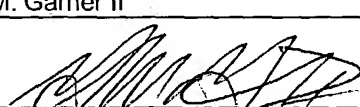
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